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SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR
EXPERTS' MEETINGS

REF: ROME 5305

1. AGREE THAT AVAILABILITY FODAG FOR ROME HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAS BEEN ABUSED NUMEROUS TIMES. MOST RECENT CASES HAVE ARISEN FROM SHUFFLE OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN OTHER BUREAUS AND AGENCIES AND WE HAVE TAKEN STEPS WHICH WE HOPE WILL PREVENT RECURRENCE.

2. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, CERTAIN EXPERTS, FOR WHOM WE WILL CONTINUE RELY ON FODAG TO MAKE RESERVATIONS. STATE 70771 IS GOOD EXAMPLE. BY LETTER TO SECRETARY (REF G/X/ESH-812(A)) DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1976, DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED DESIGNATE PERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPERT CONSULTATION. CHOICE WAS OURS, MEETING WAS IN OUR INTEREST, AND PERSON DESIGNATED WAS U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. REGARD THIS AS LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR REQUEST TO ROME.

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3. THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE OTHER INSTANCES WHEN IT IS

IN OUR INTEREST TO HELP PARTICULAR VISITORS TO FAO, WFP OR
WFC. WE WILL MAKE EXTRA EFFORT MINIMIZE THESE REQUESTS. KISSINGER

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